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In re Application of

Docket No.: 043890-0448

Customer Number: 20277

Masato HIGASHI

Confirmation Number: 3423

Application No.: 09/673,628

Group Art Unit: 2164

Filed: December 08, 2000

Examiner: Samuel G. Rimell

For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	15	. 20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple depender	Multiple dependent claims newly presented		
•		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
					\$0.00
	,	Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.